2001-02, a minimum additional central assistance of Rs. 422.49 crore has been earmarked for nutrition.

Besides, action is on to set up a National Nutrition Mission.

B.G. Line upto Rozi Pier and Bedi Bunder (Bedi Port) in Gujarat

*85. SHRI BACHANI LEKHRAJ: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Gujarat Maritime had paid necessary charges for final survey of broad gauge line upto Rozi Pier and Bedi Bunder (Bedi Port);

(b) if so, the details of the survey; and

(c) by when the work is likely to commence?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI NITISH KUMAR): (a) to (c) Gujarat Maritime Board had deposited Rs. 2,94,645/- for carrying out survey for providing siding from Windmill to Bedi Port and Rozi Pier. However, as Western Railway was not in a position to carry out the survey due to urgent surveys on hand, Gujarat Maritime Board were advised to get the survey done from M/s. Rail India Technical & Economic Services Ltd. or any of the consultants approved by Western Railway. The money deposited have also been returned to the party.

Production of cheaper urea

*86. SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA: Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that imported urea is cheaper than that produced in our country;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) what steps Government have taken to make the production of urea cheaper in the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI SATYA BRATA MOOKHERJEE): (a) to (c) The production cost of urea in the country varies from unit to unit depending upon the technology, feedstock used, vintage of the plant, distance from source of raw materials etc. The production cost of urea in the country is higher than the international price, which is primarily on account of higher cost of feedstock/raw materials in India. Urea plants in the exporting countries are generally based on natural gas. As per available

information, the cost of natural gas in those countries is around US $ 1 per million BTU or even less, whereas in India the delivered cost of gas is around US $ 2.4 per million BTU for the plants based on gas at landfall point and about US $ 2.9 for the plants based on gas located on HBJ pipeline. The feedstock cost of the plants based on naphtha and fuel oil/LSHS is still higher, being in the neighbourhood of US $ 7.7 to 9.2 per million BTU and US $ 5.5 to 6.3 per million BTU, respectively. Efforts are under way to import Liquefied Natural Gas (LNG) for manufacture of urea, which is likely to be cheaper than naphtha. However, the cost of indigenous urea may still be higher, due to high transport cost of LNG. Pricing of liquid petroleum products *viz.* naphtha, fuel oil, low sulphur heavy stock at import parity price by domestic oil refineries, installation of energy saving measures such as purge gas recovery unit etc. and promoting technological improvements for improving energy efficiency in urea units are some of the measures taken by the units/Government towards reducing the cost of production of urea in the country.

Adverse Impact of transfers in KVS

†*87. SHRI RAMA SHANKER KAUSHIK: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) what is the transfer policy of Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan;

(b) whether it is being implemented; if so, the details thereof, if not, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether it is a fact that studies of the children were adversely affected on account of frequent transfers by the administration during the last academic session; and

(d) whether Government would issue directives to stop unnecessary and before time transfers; if so, by when and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI): (a) to (d) The Transfer Policy of Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan (KVS) is aimed at harmonising the needs of organisation and that of the employees. This is done objectively by giving entitlement points to each employee, seeking transfer to a particular station. Two priority lists for each station for a

†Original notice of the Question was received in Hindi.